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Applicants : Ferass Abuzaina Confirmation No.: 9589
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit the following response to the Office Action dated 15 June 2006.

The Examiner has required that prosecution of this application be restricted to one of the following inventions:

Group I - A device / method / system for determining the optical retardation value of an anisotropic material, as defined by Claims 1-15; and

Group II - A sample cell, as defined by Claim 16.

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In response to the Examiner requirement for restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-15 without traverse. An early allowance of the elected claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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